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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Yoshiyuki YASUI, Eiichi ONO, Yuji MURAGISHI, Shinji TAKEUCHI, Minekazu MOMIYAMA, Hiroaki KATO, Yuzo IMOTO, and Hiroaki AIZAWA</u> for <u>ROAD CONDITION ESTIMATION APPARATUS</u>.

Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent. Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: AISIN SEIKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA, TOYODA KOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA, and ADVICS CO., LTD. Also enclosed are: 27_ sheet(s) of drawings; a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [] hereby made to _ filed in _ on _; [X] in the declaration; [] · a certified copy of the priority document; [] a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; [] an Assignment document; [] an Information Disclosure Statement; [] a patent application data sheet; and [] Other: _ [X] An [] executed [X] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s) [X] also is enclosed [] will follow.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

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	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	18	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If multiple dependent c	laims are pre	sented, add \$290.	00 (1203)		
Total Application Fee					\$770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recor	ding Fee \$40	0.00 (8021) if Assi	ignment docu	ment is enclosed	
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$770.00

- [] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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